

# February is Black History Month

2012 Theme:

*Black Women in American Culture and History*

The Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH) chose this theme to honor and explore the roles and contributions of African American women in the making of America. ASALH was established in 1915, to carry forth the work of Dr. Carter G. Woodson, the Father of Black History. Website: [www.asalh.org/index.html](http://www.asalh.org/index.html).



## Letitia Woods Brown (1915-1976)



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Letitia Woods Brown was born October 24, 1915, in Tuskegee, Alabama. She obtained a bachelor's degree from Tuskegee in 1935, a master's degree from Ohio State University in 1937, and a Ph.D. from Harvard University in 1966.

Her employment in the field of history spans over four decades. She taught classes and worked in public arenas to preserve sites important to African American history. She was a History professor at George Washington University from 1971 to 1976, the only full time Black faculty member at the time.

Her work in Washington, D.C. is renowned in taking aims to place sites of local and national importance to African American history in the minds and agendas of agencies such as the National Trust for Historic Preservation and other organizations. To further the preservation cause, she served as a member of the Committee on Landmarks of the National Capital. During the course of her professional career, she also wrote several books on Washington, D.C., e.g. *Washington from Banneker to Douglas, 1791-1870*, with co-author Elsie M. Lewis.

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